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Dear Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion Schools,

As we near the close of another academic year, we would like to offer our sincere thanks for your continued dedication, passion and determination to ensure that every young person, regardless of ability, has meaningful opportunities to engage in physical education, school sport and physical activity. Your ongoing work in educating, advocating and promoting inclusion is truly inspiring and is making a real difference nationwide.

Over the first year of Inclusion 2028, your combined efforts have led to the delivery of **223** CPD sessions training **4,553** practitioners, engagement in **199** meetings advocating for inclusive provision and the organisation of **203** inclusive events, positively impacting more than **30,678** pupils with SEND (43,615 pupils in total). In total, the Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion School network has generated over **26,000** contacts with members of the school workforce and sports sector, representing engagement with staff from over **21,000** schools and settings across England (including repeat engagement with some schools) including **4906** teachers and **2423** Teaching Assistants directly.

Your school's commitment is driving meaningful and lasting change, not only for your own pupils, but for many others across your county and beyond is helping move the whole system forward. By supporting peers, adapting practice, influencing the education and sport sectors, and pioneering innovative approaches to inclusion you are reshaping the experience of PE and sport for young people with SEND. The impact is evident in growing staff confidence and capability and most importantly, increased levels of pupil happiness, resilience, and belonging: in turn this is supporting better behaviour, higher attainment and more active lifestyles.

We recognise schools have a number of competing priorities, and this makes your accomplishments even more incredible. On behalf of the Department for Education and the entire Youth Sport Trust Inclusion Team, thank you for your remarkable contribution this year. We are excited to continue this journey with you in Inclusion 2028 and to work together in building an even stronger future for inclusive PE and school sport.

With every good wish,



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